

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:30 and 10:30 am • May 3, 2026

ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise

THE PRELUDE

Piece Heroique

George Blake

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

637. How Firm a Foundation

Lyons

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355 | CG 3

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People **The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SONG OF PRAISE:

8:30 Glory to God

BCP 356 | CG 5

10:30 S280

Glory to God in the highest

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)

After the homily, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:55–60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31: 1-5, 15-16

Dilexi, quoniam

8:30 *The psalm will be read antiphonally by whole verse by side of the church, beginning with the Narthex side.*

10:30 *Chanted*



Choir:

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be | put ● to | shame; *
de | liver ● me | in ● your | righteousness.
- 2 In | cline ● your | ear to me; *
make | haste— | to ● de | liver me.

Choir & Congregation:

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my | crag and ● my | stronghold; *
for the sake of your | Name—, | lead me ● and | guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have | secret ● ly | set for me, *
for | you are ● my | tower ● of | strength.

5 Into your hands I com | mend ● my | spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O | LORD, ● O | God ● of | truth.

15 My times are | in ● your | hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from | those ● who | perse ● cute | me.

16 Make your face to | shine u ● pon your | servant, *
and in your | lov ● ing- | kind ● ness | save me."

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:2–10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN:
LEVAS 165. Higher Ground

I'm pressing on the upward way

1. I'm press - ing on the up - ward way, New heights I'm
2. My heart has no de - sire to stay Where doubts a -
3. I want to live a - bove the world, Though sa - tan's
4. I want to scale the ut - most height, And catch a

1. gain - ing ev - ery day; Still pray - ing as I on - ward bound,
2. rise and fears dis - may; Though some may dwell where these a - bound,
3. darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught a joy - ful sound,
4. gleam of glo - ry bright; But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,

1. "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."
2. My prayer, my aim is high - er ground. Lord, lift me
3. The song of saints on high - er ground.
4. "Lord, lead me on the high - er ground."

up, and let me stand By faith, on heav - en's ta - ble - land; A high - er

plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358 | CG 9

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

These prayers were written by the youth confirmation class.

Heavenly Father who reigns over all your people, you perform miracles and through you nothing is impossible. Grant that we may hear your holy answers so that we may feel your love in us everyday.

We pray for your Holy Universal Church, all its past, present, and future members. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Guide the leaders of our nation. Our president, Donald, our governor, Josh, our mayor, Janet, and all local leaders. Help them to keep in mind the needs of all

people. Give them strength and compassion to truly and humbly serve you and all the citizens of their region in order to keep everyone safe and respected. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the welfare of the world, in the communion of all those and all of the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ. We pray for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. We pray that they may find and be found by you. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the concerns of the local community, for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, anxiety and oppression. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in distress, and those in any trouble. We pray for the divine comfort of those who need it. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list, including Alice, Alison, Barry, Betty, Bill, Catherine, Chuck, Diane, Eva, Jan, Jane, Liz, Maxine, Nancy, Nancy, Peggy, Remmy, and Tom. And for our friends and family, especially Andrea, Caline, Carl, Clarence, Danielle, Denise, Dorothy, Edith, Evonne, Gemma, Ginger, Hannah, Heather, Joelle, John, John, Jonathan, Joseph, Kate, Katherine, Keili, Leeann, Lois, Lori, Margaret, Moira, Nathan, Nicole, Nik, Peter, Renee, Richard, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Shannon, Sharon, Stephanie, The Griffin Family, and Will. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the departed including Bob McMillan, Colby Seals, and Clarence Williams. Let light perpetual shine upon them. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

The people may add their own petitions.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

With Simple Faith

Charles McCartha

With simple faith, with humble hearts, with Jesus' truth and grace, we can make mountains move, and change lives with His love, as we live with simple faith. With humble prayer, we will speak with the Word of God. Face to face, heart to heart, one to one, arm in arm, we will bring to the world God's love. Jesus Christ, our

Lord, bids us now go forth and tell others of His grace; and leave broken souls to our Shepherd's fold; where He will keep them safe. A simple faith, a tiny seed, and yet, a tree grows tall. By the river it stands, every storm it withstands; and bears fruit for one and all. With simple faith, with humble hearts, with Jesus' truth and grace, we can make mountains move by the mighty power of God, as we live with simple faith; as we live with simple faith.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

Doxology with Alleluias

Thomas Ken

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures

here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and

Holy Ghost! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

luia, alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369 | CG 41

SANCTUS

10:30 S130

BCP 371 | CG 43

Franz Schubert

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 45

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

8:30 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:30 Celtic Alleluia

BCP 364 | CG 47

O'Carrol/Walker

Refrain

Al - le - lu - - ia! Al - le - - lu - - ia!

5
Al - le - lu - - ia! Al - le - - lu - - ia!

1 Now he is living, the Christ: Out of the tomb He is ris'n! He has conquered death, opened Heaven to all believers!

**2 Christ is the first fruits from death, filling the church with His glory!
Darkness vanishes in the light of His power.**

THE COMMUNION HYMN

LEVAS 64. I love to tell the story

I Love to Tell The Story

(See next page for music)

F F/A B \flat F

I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
 I love to tell the sto - ry: more won - der ful - ly it seems than
 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis plea - sant to re - peat what
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

5 C 7 Am/C F C

Je - sus and His glo - ry, of Je - sus and His love. I
 all the gol - den fan - cies of all our gold - en dreams. I
 seems, each time I tell it, more won - der ful - ly sweet. I
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And

9 F Dm A A 7

love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true: it
 love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for me; and
 love to tell the sto - ry, for some have ne - ver heard the
 when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, 'twill

13 B \flat F C 7 F/C C 7 F

sat - tis - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do. I
 that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee. I
 mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word. I
 be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

17 C F F/A B \flat F

love to tell the sto - ry, twill be my theme in glo - ry, to

21 F/A B \flat F/C C 7 F

tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and His love.

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People

**We who are many are one body,
 because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN:

522. Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austria

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Austria

Christian Schoen



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2026

Wardens Hannah Harris (Senior), Randy R. Smith (Junior)

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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. George Black
PREACHER	The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Christian Schoen and the Nativity Choir
LECTORS (8:30)	Ed and Annette Hughes
(10:30)	Emily Jividen, George Douglas, John Adams
CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)	Jeremy Clos
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30)	Kent Clary
(10:30)	Logan Lee, Kate Krouse
TORCHES (10:30)	Hannah Parker, Beatrice Tarry
BANNER (10:30)	Vance Dutton
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Alex Carrier
ALTAR GUILD	Emily Jividen, Olivene Virtue
ALTAR FLOWERS	Emilie Sigel
CHILDREN'S FORMATION (10:30)	Tracy McKimmon, Gail Till
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Jesse Lee
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Scott Beaver
FELLOWSHIP (10:30)	Laura Beaver

Church of the Nativity

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CLERGY AND STAFF

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